

under this section, the Secretary shall give consideration to projects which will enhance sustainable integrated conservation development programs to ensure effective, long-term conservation of Asian elephants.

(f) Project reporting

Each person who receives assistance under this section for a project shall provide periodic reports, as the Secretary considers necessary, to the Secretary and the Administrator. Each report shall include all information required by the Secretary, after consulting with the Administrator, for evaluating the progress and success of the project.

(g) Matching funds

In determining whether to approve project proposals under this section, the Secretary shall give priority to those projects for which there exists some measure of matching funds.

(h) Limitation on use for captive breeding

Amounts provided as a grant under this chapter may not be used for captive breeding of Asian elephants other than for release in the wild.

(Pub. L. 105–96, § 5, Nov. 19, 1997, 111 Stat. 2151.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 4265 of this title.

§ 4265. Asian Elephant Conservation Fund

(a) Establishment

There is established in the general fund of the Treasury a separate account to be known as the “Asian Elephant Conservation Fund”, which shall consist of amounts deposited into the Fund by the Secretary of the Treasury under subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Deposits into Fund

The Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit into the Fund—

- (1) all amounts received by the Secretary in the form of donations under subsection (d) of this section; and
- (2) other amounts appropriated to the Fund.

(c) Use

(1) In general

Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary may use amounts in the Fund without further appropriation to provide assistance under section 4264 of this title.

(2) Administration

Of amounts in the Fund available for each fiscal year, the Secretary may use not more than 3 percent to administer the Fund.

(d) Acceptance and use of donations

The Secretary may accept and use donations to provide assistance under section 4264 of this title. Amounts received by the Secretary in the form of donations shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Treasury for deposit into the Fund.

(Pub. L. 105–96, § 6, Nov. 19, 1997, 111 Stat. 2153.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 4246, 4263 of this title.

§ 4266. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Fund \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 to carry out this chapter, which may remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 105–96, § 7, Nov. 19, 1997, 111 Stat. 2153.)

CHAPTER 63—FEDERAL CAVE RESOURCES PROTECTION

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§ 4301. Findings, purposes, and policy

(a) Findings

The Congress finds and declares that—

- (1) significant caves on Federal lands are an invaluable and irreplaceable part of the Nation’s natural heritage; and
- (2) in some instances, these significant caves are threatened due to improper use, increased recreational demand, urban spread, and a lack of specific statutory protection.

(b) Purposes

The purposes of this chapter are—

- (1) to secure, protect, and preserve significant caves on Federal lands for the perpetual use, enjoyment, and benefit of all people; and
- (2) to foster increased cooperation and exchange of information between governmental authorities and those who utilize caves located on Federal lands for scientific, education, or recreational purposes.

(c) Policy

It is the policy of the United States that Federal lands be managed in a manner which pro-